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4th of July Celebration Returns to Fonthill Castle

DOYLESTOWN, PA – Fonthill Castle's annual Fourth of July daytime community event returns to the beautiful grounds of this National Historic Landmark site on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This family-friendly event takes place on the one-of-a-kind, outdoor grounds of Fonthill Castle in the heart of Doylestown, PA, where guests enjoy a day of fun, food, games, crafts, entertainment and live music. Highlights of the day include the children's decorated bike parade, wheelbarrow and sack races, live musicians and food trucks. Antique bicycles, historic town ball (a precursor to baseball!) and other fun activities make this a day to remember.

Children kick off the event by participating in the event's beloved Decorated Bicycle Parade at 12:30 p.m., where all participating children receive cheers from the crowd and a special certificate after pedaling down the historic site's famed tree-lined driveway on their pre-decorated bicycles.

Event attendees enjoy music for all ages by the Ring the Rafters Quartet, The Delaware Valley Saxophone Quartet, Doylestown favorite Mukamuri, as well as popular family performer Lolly Hopwood. The PA Wheelmen will be on hand for their annual Antique Bike Demonstration, and musician and folklorist Darcy Fair will engage families during story time.

Guests have the opportunity to purchase food from a variety of vendors on-site, including Big Poppa's BBQ, Bonjour Creperie, Hardy Funnel Cake, Nutz About Popcorn, and more.

The 2023 Fonthill Castle 4th of July sponsors are William and Laurie Schutt, Bucks County Community College and NJM Insurance.

Tickets to Fonthill Castle's 4th of July are $5 for adults, $1 for youth (ages 6-17), and free for children 5 and under.

Tickets are available online now at mercermuseum.org/july4, and will be available at the door for cash only.

About the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle

Located in Doylestown, Bucks County, PA, the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle are historic castles celebrating the legacy of Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930), American archaeologist, anthropologist, ceramicist and scholar. Both sites are operated by the Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS).

The Mercer Museum, one of Bucks County's premier cultural attractions and a Smithsonian affiliate, features both local and national seasonal exhibits as well as a core museum collection of over 50,000 pre-Industrial tools. This permanent collection offers visitors a unique window into pre-Industrial America through sixty different crafts and trades and is one of the world's most comprehensive portraits of American material culture. The museum also features a research library that is a center for local history related to Bucks County and the surrounding region, with its roots dating back to the founding of the Bucks County Historical Society in 1880.

Fonthill Castle was built between 1908-1912 and was the home of Henry Chapman Mercer. Mercer built Fonthill Castle as his residence and showplace for his collection of tiles and prints. The castle serves as an early example of reinforced concrete and features forty-four rooms, over two hundred windows, and eighteen fireplaces. Fonthill Castle's interior features Mercer's renowned, hand-crafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement.

The Mercer Museum is located at 84 South Pine Street, Doylestown, PA, 18901. Fonthill Castle is located at 525 East Court Street in Doylestown, PA, 18901.

The Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are open Tuesdays – Sundays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For up-to-date ticket and schedule information, please visit mercermuseum.org.

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